IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK CAFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of SASAKI et al.

Appln. No.: not assigned

Filed: February 29, 2000

FOR: FINE HOLLOW POWDER, THIN FLAKY TITANIUM OXIDE POWDER OBTAINED BYPULVERIZATION OF THE FINE HOLLOW POWDER AND PROCESSES FOR

PRODUCING THE SAME

March 1, 2000

Group Art Unit: not assigned

Examiner: not assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

Each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached International Search Report dated 15 December 1998, issued in a foreign counterpart application. See that report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, <u>prompt</u> notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider each of the documents supplied herewith. It is furthermore respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm the careful and independent consideration in the next official communication by return of an initialed and dated PTO-1449 form in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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